

Collect for the Day: (In Unison): Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Prayer over the Gifts: (In Unison): God of steadfast love, may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy spirit, renew us for your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion: (In Unison): Source of all goodness, in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for our parish families. (This week we remember): Bernice Butler, Wanda Butler, Milton & Mary Carlson, Nicole M. Chafe, Randy & Marie Chafe and their families.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi, The Most Revd. Martin Blaise Nyaboho – Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba.

Tri-Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Parish of St. George, (4 congregations), Rev. Norman Cutler, Priest-in-Charge; the Parish of Belleoram (5 congregations), Rev. Tryphena Vallis, Rector; and the Parish of Bell Island, Rev. Ron Lee, Pro-tem, Rector.

Provincial Prayer Care: We pray for the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land, Archbishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson and the Provincial Council.

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Primate: The Most Rev. Fredrick Hiltz

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Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador

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Feb. 3rd, 2019 (Year C)

A WARM WELCOME IS EXTENDED TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WHO ARE WITH US TODAY. WE HOPE THAT GOD WILL BLESS US AS WE WORSHIP HIM HERE TOGETHER AT ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH.

From the Rector's desk: In today's gospel reading we find Jesus, still in the synagogue, expounding on what he quoted to them in last week's gospel reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus had just reminded them of the purpose of "the church", which is – *to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, to give sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.* Jesus ends the gospel reading by saying – *today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.* In other words, Jesus is telling them that these things will be the focus of his ministry among them. At first they seem to embrace Jesus and his message, and, were amazed at his wisdom, and then, like a sudden change in wind direction, they turn on him by saying – *isn't this the son of Joseph?* It seems that, because Jesus comes from such humble and poor circumstances, the son of a poor carpenter, just an ordinary man among them, that somehow what he just told them is false or ought not to be given any credibility. Jesus challenges this mentality of the people and says to them – *no prophet is accepted in his own town.* He goes on to cite examples of great prophets who were unable to do the work of God among their people simply because the people refused to see them as men of God. This enraged the people (his own people) to the point they were going to throw him over a cliff and kill him. That is true even in our own time I'm sure. How often do we look beyond our own

congregations to find people that we feel can come to lead us in some aspect of parish life and ministry, without considering that we have great men and women of God right among us; men and women of great faith, knowledge, and, experience. Traditionally, oftentimes, bishops are reluctant to place ordained clergy in their home parishes for that very reason, it can be very difficult to minister among the ones you were raised with. Thankfully, I have seen many examples of clergy successfully ministering in the parish that he/she was raised in. This is a wonderful example of looking beyond the circumstance of the person to the reality of what God can accomplish through them. I pray that we will see this as well in the ordinary lay people serving among us. Just because we know them so well, or spent our entire lives among them, does not negate the positive ministry they can have right here in our own parish. The ministry we share in common is the one we celebrate today, as we welcome into the church, these children. We should never doubt that God can use any of us in any place, and, at any time to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight to the blind, etc. We should always be open to how God can use any one of us, regardless of level of education, social status, rich or poor, to accomplish his good works. As an example, we need look no further than our own parish of St. Philip's to realize that God is using a lot of people in this parish, both lay and ordained, to do a lot of wonderful ministry among us and in the wider community. (Rev. Randy)

A reminder to those who find themselves as patients in our local hospitals, that hospital chaplains are available for pastoral care. Please don't assume that the chaplain will automatically know you are there. As we know, hospitals are very diligent in protecting the privacy of all patients, so it may be that your name will not be on the visitation list unless you specifically ask for it to be there. When you are admitted please be very clear that you want the Anglican chaplain to visit you if that is your wish.

Planned Giving is an important teaching of the church. Our diocese has a Planned Giving consultant that would love to speak to anyone that has an interest in learning more about how this works, especially the importance of having up-to-date wills, that state explicitly what a person's last wishes are for his/her estate. You can visit the diocesan website also to get more information, and, we do have brochures on the table in the foyer. Here is some of the information you will see on the website: *Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received – only what you have given: a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage. Our parish has been the recipient of planned gifts in the past, from those who wanted to include their beloved church in their will. If you would like to speak to our diocesan consultant, Kevin Smith about this, please call 709-576-6697 or by Email: kevinsmith709@gmail.com*

A wonderful example of taking our ministry outside the building was on January 23rd, when our men's group, the ACM, decided to hold its monthly meeting at St. Luke's home, so that we could include one of the residents there. Clyde Bradbury, now a resident of St. Luke's, was a

faithful member of the ACM for many years, and, he was so thrilled that we would have our meeting there just to include him. Following the meeting there was a time of fellowship with Clyde, the home provided a light snack, and some of the men played cards with him. It was a wonderful evening and truly an example of taking the church out into the community.

As we begin the second month of the new year your rector and vestry are thankful that we ended 2018 financially on track as a parish. As we try to adhere to the diocesan expectation of parishes to be more ministry and mission minded going forward, we will need to put a special emphasis on envelope givings and less on fundraising. A financially healthy parish is one that meets at least 80 – 90 percent of its annual budget by free-will givings in the offering plate. Let us seek to place our focus on offerings in our Sunday plate.

Dismissal Song:

**Go now in peace; never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.**

**Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.
Know he will guide you in all you do.**

**Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.**

**God will be there watching from above. Go
now in peace, in faith and in love.**

Notices

The First practice for our church band will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 12th. at 6:30 p.m.

All interested are welcome.

Next Bible Study will be on Wednesday, Feb. 13th. at 7:30 pm.

For the recently Confirmed young people – Rev. Randy is very interested in meeting with you again as a group to talk about your experience of Confirmation and how you might be involved in the life of St. Philip’s parish. You are invited to a pizza supper on Friday, February 15th at 4:00 pm. Come along with any ideas you might have of what you do as a youth at St. Philip’s church.

Our parish will be receiving donations of non-perishable food items and money this Saturday, February 9th, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. This will be to help replenish the food supply for the Community Food Sharing Association, which lost their warehouse and all its food this past Wednesday, through a devastating fire in Mount Pearl. Our bishop has placed a call to all parishes in our diocese to do what we can to aid the CFSA, and, the diocese will be contributing \$10,000.00 as well from a special fund. Please drop your food items off to the church at the above noted time this Saturday. Your donation will help rebuild the food supply needed.

Annual Congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 24th**. All groups and individuals in the parish that need to submit an annual report are asked to have them ready for copying by Wednesday, February 13th. Please pass them along to Rev. Randy.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – March 5th
Doors open at 5:45 – Supper at 6:00pm
Pancakes, Moose and/or Beef Sausages, dessert, tea/coffee. Cost \$10.00. Children six and under free. Tickets will be available soon. Anyone wanting to donate items for the supper, such as sausages, pancake mix, etc., your donation will be greatly appreciated.

This past Thursday, January 31st, the late **Eli James Squires** was laid to rest at St. Philip’s cemetery next to his wife Dorothy. Jim was a long time parishioner of St. Philip’s but in recent years was a member of the Cathedral parish, from where his service was held. We give thanks for his life, and, pray God’s blessings of comfort, courage and hope on his family. *Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him. Amen!*

The Bulletin today is given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of

Daphane Lush, Hilda Rogers, James Pender Sr., Obie Tucker Sr. & in Celebration of their great-grandson’s christening: Drew Theodore Lush

Given by

Jim & Barbara Pender

&

Robert Tucker, Edna & Bert Eddy, Mary & Bert Eddy & Clarence Squires

Given by

Harold & Dorothy Eddy

HOPE FOR A WINTERS NIGHT – You are welcome at Gower Street United Church, Feb. 10 at 4:00 p.m. for a quiet time of reflection through inspirational song, reading and prayer. This service is for those who are grieving a loss of anyone or thing, find winter difficult, have a mental or physical illness, or would like a quiet space of inspiration and hope. This is a community gathering of which **all are welcome**. St. John Ambulance Therapy dogs will be in attendance. If you have any questions you can call Linda or Rev. Pamela at 753-7286 or email gsuc@nl.rogers.com

Church Chuckle

How does Moses make his coffee? Hebrews it.



The church is on Facebook

Take a look!

www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicanchurch

Prayerfully consider your Parish in your estate Planning.

Stewardship thought For the Week

Remember: The most important things in life aren’t things and the best things in life are always free.

Yearly Budget for Envelope giving for 2019 - \$97,000.00	
Needed Monthly - \$8,741.67	
Needed Weekly - \$2,018.00	
Rec’d Jan. 20th Regular Giving	\$ 2,480.00
Maintenance	\$ 190.00
Rec’d Year to Date Regular Giving	\$ 5,322.00
Maintenance	\$ 1,015.00
Total brought in for Jan. 20th	\$ 1,808.00

The Scriptural Sentence for our worship
today as appointed in our BAS Lectionary
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*The Lord has anointed me to
preach good news to the poor and
release to the captives.*

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany- Feb. 3rd
8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant – Joan Tucker
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS), Baptism
& Sunday School
Eucharistic Assistants: Harve Hiscock &
Marianne Baker
Counters: Tom Tulk & Jeanette Osmond
Sidesperson: Don Morgan
Altar Duty: Donna Spurrell & Janice
Spurrell

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany – Feb. 10th.
8:30 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Eucharistic Assistant – Dave Bartlett
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist (BAS) &
Sunday School
Eucharistic Assistants – Carol Bartlett &
Lori Gosse
Counters: Lori Mercer & Linda Thomas
Sidesperson: Karen Puglisevich
Altar Duty: Viola Squires & Mary Sharpe

The Collect, Epistle and Gospel for
Today – 4th. Sunday after Epiphany –
Feb. 3rd.
Scripture Readings

1st Reading
Jeremiah 1: 4-10
Psalm 71: 1-6, Page 795
(Joan Osmond)

2nd Reading
1st Corinthians 13: 1-13
(Rev. Russell Osmond)

Gospel
Luke 4: 21-30
(Deacon Bonnell)

Today we welcome into the church,
and, into our parish family through the
sacrament of baptism *Jenna Beverly* –
Anne Bartlett, infant daughter of Kelly
Squires & Francis Bartlett, and, *Drew*
Theodore Lush, infant son of Sarah &
Darrell Lush.

OTHER NOTES

Rev Randy is now receiving names for 2019 Confirmation. Bishop Peddle will be visiting our parish for Confirmation on December 1st, 2019 at the 10:30 am worship service. Once the registration process is complete the classes will begin in March. The person to be confirmed must be at least 11 years of age on or before the date of Confirmation. All those to be Confirmed should be registered no later than February 28th.

New Vestry members will be needed at the annual meeting in February. Membership on the Vestry is open to anyone in the congregation with an interest in serving. Vestry meets once per month, on the second Tuesday, to deal with the business of operating our parish, and to plan and carry out many things. Please prayerfully consider giving of your time for this very important decision-making group.

Anyone wanting to sign up for Electronic Givings there are forms available from the parish office. This takes the place of the regular offering envelopes on Sunday morning and ensures that even if you are away or can't make it on a particular Sunday the parish still receives your regular offering. This helps the parish to keep up with its financial obligations.

Please keep our building secure. We have had no major security issues, but from time-to-time it is good for us to remind everyone entrusted with a key to the building that it is the responsibility of that person to safe guard the key, and to ensure the key is never given to any unauthorized person. Please ensure that when you use the key to access the building it is your duty to ensure that all lights are turned out, and, the door securely closed and locked. If a person receives a key for a specific duty and that person is no longer in that role the key must be returned so it can be given to the new person in that role.

2018 Contribution Receipts are now available on the table in the foyer. These are the ones that you will need for income tax purposes. Thank you to the congregation for your generous offerings to the parish in 2018 and we look forward to continued support in 2019. Please see the included thank you letter from Rev. Randy.

St. Lawrence Parish, Portugal Cove will be holding a Valentines Dinner & Dance on Feb. 16th Music by Stan Butler, doors open at 6:30 pm – Dinner starts at 7:00 pm, cost \$25.00. For tickets, please call Ines at 753-6072.